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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6434

BILL NUMBER: HB 1045

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 8, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Veterans' Home.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Dodge

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill transfers the duties of the Indiana Veterans' Home Advisory Committee to the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs Commission. The bill repeals a provision that establishes the Indiana Veterans' Home Advisory Committee.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: By transferring duties of the Indiana Veterans' Home Advisory Committee (IVHAC) to the Indiana Department of Veterans' Affairs Commission and repealing the IVHAC, this bill is expected to decrease state expenditures by approximately \$450 to \$4,700 a year. The DVA reports the Commission will be able to absorb the workload and requirements of the IVHAC without an additional appropriation.

Background Information- The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) reports reimbursement made to members of the IVHAC totaled \$450 for FY 2010, of which \$295 was for travel reimbursement and \$150 was for IVHAC member reimbursement. Member reimbursement for the IVHAC is paid from the Indiana Veterans' Home budget. The DVA also reported the IVHAC has seen Committee member participation decrease recently. For FY 2010, the IVHAC held only three meetings, of which only two members attended each meeting.

The IVHAC consists of eight members who are required to meet quarterly. If all members were to attend these meetings, the DVA reported the annual cost of the IVHAC would be \$1,600 plus travel reimbursement. Using data provided by the IDVA and if total annual costs on stipends alone are estimated to be \$1,600, it

was estimated that the total annual costs for member travel reimbursement would be \$3,100. The total annual estimated cost for four meetings of the IVHAC is approximately \$4,700.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: IDVA.

Local Agencies Affected:

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